

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 568

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Paula Barnes on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should specially recognize, particularly on the occasion of their retirement, those outstanding school administrators who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, one such outstanding individual is Paula Barnes, who will soon begin a much-deserved retirement from Rutherford County Schools, which she has served as a teacher and administrator for thirty-eight years; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Barnes received her bachelor's degree from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville; upon graduation, she taught for five years in the Orleans Parish, where she worked with highly at-risk students in a high-poverty area; and

WHEREAS, she then moved to Murfreesboro and joined Rutherford County Schools as a teacher of at-risk students at Thurman Francis Junior High School, where she taught for more than a decade; following a year in the classroom at Smyrna Middle School, she moved into school administration; and

WHEREAS, Paula Barnes's first administrative role was as assistant principal at McFadden Elementary School, before she was named principal; during her sixteen-year tenure, the school transitioned from a traditional school serving at-risk students to a magnet school, McFadden School of Excellence; and

WHEREAS, as a result of her knack of managing people and personalities, Mrs. Barnes was named the Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources and Student Services, a position she has held for twelve years; as Assistant Superintendent, she has successfully managed an

increase in the number of teacher evaluations and navigated through the county's growth, resulting in an increase of 1,500 additional employees in the school system; and

WHEREAS, her many professional accomplishments aside, she is grateful for the love and support she shares with her husband, Jim, and their two children, Jackie and Brad; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, Paula Barnes has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of the students, parents, teachers, and school board members of Rutherford County Schools alike; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Paula Barnes our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement, applaud her dedication to the youth of Tennessee, and wish her much happiness and every continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.